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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Akio URABE

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FOR: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF AND SYSTEM FOR
MANAGING IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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SIR:

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of Allowability of the claimed invention. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance of May 6, 2009, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments.

In the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance on pages 2 and 3 of the Notice of Allowance mailed May 6, 2009, paragraph 4 states in part:

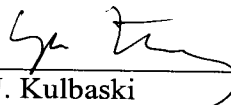
The prior art of record do [*sic*] not teach or suggest the claim limitation of "a firewall configured to control data transmission between the first computer network and the second computer network, the firewall configured to allow reply data sent by the managing apparatus in the second computer network, the reply data being in reply to report data sent to the managing apparatus" and "a transmitting unit configured to transmit the report data to the managing apparatus via the firewall using the at least one of the predetermined protocol having the immediacy when the generating unit generates the report data" wherein "the indication of the reception of the report data included in the reply data."

Although the above comment seems to be directed to independent Claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that independent Claims 7 and 16 do not include all of the elements recited above. For example, Claim 7 does not recite a "second computer network" and Claim 16 recites the method of "transmitting report data when the report data is generated" and not

“a transmitting unit” and a “generating unit.” Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the above quoted statement applies only to independent Claim 1 (and claims dependent therefrom), and not to independent Claims 7 and 16 (and claims dependent therefrom), to the extent the language used in the statement differs from the language of the claims.

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